



Troop 23 – Hot News September 20, 2021

TROOP CALENDAR:

For the full calendar, visit <http://troop23wheaton.org/>

- 9/20 – Monday, 6:30-8:00pm Troop Meeting
 - 9/21 – Tuesday, 7:00pm Troop Committee Meeting at First Pres
 - 9/25 – Saturday, 1-4pm Webelos Open House, Cantigny
 - 9/27 – Monday, 6:30-8:00pm Troop Meeting and SPL Elections
 - 10/4 – Monday, 6:30-8:00om Troop Meeting and PL Elections
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SCOUTMASTER:

Due to some unexpected work matters at my office, I won't be as available for the role of Scoutmaster as we understand the role to be. As such I'll be "missing in action" for the next several weeks, probably well into October. I've asked RICK BUSSE to assume the job of Scoutmaster in my absence. Mr. Busse will be available for approving Merit Badges and signing Blue cards, conducting Scoutmaster Conferences, and handling the decisions that might fall to the Scoutmaster. He will be the Adviser to the SPL and TLC. He may also delegate Scoutmaster Conferences to some of the other adult leaders. I know he'll have the full support of the troop adult leadership, the boys, and our parents. Please contact him with your questions and concerns at bussephoto95@icloud.com In the rare event he can't be reached or answer a question, please call me at my office during the day, 630-682-3388. Thanks!

Jeff Jeffers

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR PATROL STAFF:

Dear Troop 23 Scouts and Parents,

One of the great things about Troop 23 and Boy Scouts is that it is Scout lead. We are fortunate to have many boys in the program with families supportive of their participation. "Scout lead", not only means that Scouts have the opportunity to serve in leadership positions, it also means that ALL Scouts within the Troop take responsibility for being in charge of their Scouting experience. For some Scouts, this may be a shift from other activities where parents/adults handle all the details. Our Troop is a great place for Scouts to learn and practice taking initiative and developing life skills in a safe environment. The Senior Patrol Staff highly encourages Scouts to seek out information from their Patrol Leader if they have any questions or need anything. If parents have questions, ideally they should be asking their Scout first— if he does not know the answer, he can reach out to his Patrol Leader. Monday night meetings provide lots of information and announcements. Taking a few notes at Patrol Corners is a great way to remember key pieces of information (ex. campout & trailer meeting times, etc.). We want everyone to have a fun with Scouting; being aware of what is going on and involved in the Troop will make this experience even better! We are very excited to be meeting in-person this fall and are looking forward to a fun Scouting year ahead!

Sincerely,

The Senior Patrol Leader Staff

UPCOMING TROOP MEETING NOTES:

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) elections will be held at the 9/27 Troop meeting, and Patrol Leader (PL) elections will be the following week at the 10/4 Troop Meeting.

2021 AND 2022 T23 CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE!

Programming calendars for 2021 and 2022 are available here. Copies will be also be available at Troop Meetings [2021-09-21-T23-1-Page-Calendar-2021.pdf](http://troop23wheaton.org/2021-09-21-T23-1-Page-Calendar-2021.pdf) (troop23wheaton.org) [2021-09-21-T23-1-Page-Calendar-2022.pdf](http://troop23wheaton.org/2021-09-21-T23-1-Page-Calendar-2022.pdf) (troop23wheaton.org)

ADULT CPR/FIRST AID CERTIFICATION CLASSES:

CPR/First Aid classes will be offered on September 27th and 29th at First Pres. The maximum number of students per class is 12. The training will take approximately 2 hours and run from 6pm-8pm. The cost is \$30 however if you are a registered adult with the troop, your cost will be covered. In order to register or with any questions, please contact John Berringer at johnberringer95@yahoo.com

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee Meetings are now the *third* Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be this Tuesday, 9/21 at 7PM. The meeting will be in-person at First Pres, in the Sanctuary overflow room downstairs. Parents are welcome to attend! Email Committee Chair Judith Zapf at judez21@sbcglobal.net to receive meeting agendas and details.

SCOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Have an interest in learning AV and expanding your tech knowledge? Volunteer your time with the AV team for church and Eagle Courts of Honor! First Presbyterian's AV team is looking to add new members. Initially, the commitment would be 3-4 consecutive Sundays to learn the equipment and then at least one Sunday per month for the school year. You will learn valuable skills, serve your charter organization and fellow Scouts, and get service hours! Contact juleelockard@gmail.com for more information.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND/OR FEEDBACK, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Jeff Jeffers, Scoutmaster at frankejeffers@yahoo.com

Judith Zapf, Committee Chair at judez21@sbcglobal.net